

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of claims in this application.

Claims 1-17 (canceled).

18. (currently amended) A ventilation device for passing air therethrough, and including an upstream side and a downstream side, the ventilation device including a passive fireblocking means comprising:

at least one ~~grill~~ grille body on the upstream side comprising a plurality of evenly distributed openings permitting air flow therethrough, the grille body being formed of or coated with an intumescent material; and

adjacent to and downstream from the at least one grille body, at least one thermally conductive metal mesh permitting air flow therethrough,

wherein the metal mesh comprises metal pipes filled with liquid, minerals or mixtures thereof to provide heat storage capacity, and

wherein the intumescent material swells when exposed to sufficient heat to close the evenly distributed openings, and the metal mesh has a capacity for heat storage.

19. (previously presented) Fireblocking ventilation device according to claim 18, wherein the metal mesh is three-dimensional.

20. (previously presented) Fireblocking ventilation device according to claim 18, wherein the metal mesh is rectangular in cross-section.

Claim 21 (canceled).

22. (previously presented) Fireblocking ventilation device according to claim 18, wherein the metal mesh comprises stones or steel pellets to provide heat storage capacity.

23. (previously presented) Fireblocking ventilation device according to claim 18, wherein the metal mesh comprises

honeycomb-patterned sheet-metal.

24. (previously presented) Fireblocking ventilation device according to claim 18, wherein the grille body and the metal mesh are arranged in a frame.

25. (previously presented) Fireblocking ventilation device according to claim 24, wherein an insulating material is provided between the grille body and the metal mesh to serve as a thermal break.

26. (previously presented) Fireblocking ventilation device according to claim 18, wherein the grille body is oriented below the metal mesh and positioned towards a potential source of flame.

27. (previously presented) Fireblocking ventilation device according to claim 18, in a form of a fire blanket or curtain.

28. (previously presented) Fireblocking ventilation device according to claim 18, wherein the intumescent material comprises a hard phase high density polyethylene and a soft phase comprising at least one of chlorinated polyethylene and silicone rubber.